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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: AVIDES
MOREIRA ET AL.
Application No.: 09/801,090

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Group Art Unit: 1734

Filed: March 8, 2001

Examiner: Purvis, Sue A.

Title: CONNECTION WITH A COMPONENT PRODUCED OF A THERMOPLASTIC
ELASTOMER

August 26, 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following amendments and accompanying Remarks and arguments. The following parts are included in this communication:

- Amendments to the claims, which include a complete listing of the claims; and
- Remarks and Arguments.